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The payment in the amount of \$740.00 covering the filing fee. Information Disclosure Statement and 10 References. PCT Publication (cover sheet only).

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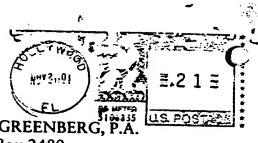
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